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Dear Mr. Copps:

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I urge you to resist any effort to relax broadcast ownership rules so that information being made available to the American public cannot be controlled by media monopolies.

If these rules are relaxed many areas of this country would be mainly subjected to receiving broadcast information from one media source. This would enable one media source to control the viewpoints to be allowed on the air and to keep other viewpoints from being aired.

Big media businesses have proven in the past that they will use their power to restrict viewpoints with which they do not concur.

The complete availability of information that presents all views on particular issues is necessary if this country is to remain informed and free. Restricting information is the business of dictators and we must resist it in every way.

Sincerely,

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To the Federal Communications Commissioners

I strongly urge you to reject the currently proposed changes vegulating ownership of media out lets. By allowing large media corporations to own many television stations, as well as newspapers and radio stations in a single market greatly threatens the diversity of views and the presence of local perspective in the media.

Such changes require an open de bate and clear understanding of their impact. The actual proposals have still not becan released to the public, yet a voto 15 geheduled for two weeks.

you must delay the June 2 vote to allow a public debate. There is precedent for allowing such a delay if there is a substanting reason not of there is a substantive reason. Clearly the public interest is sufficient region.

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Mr Richard Lewis 1714 9th St Berkeley CA 94710-1837 Clima De C-Midrael Powell, wash, E.C. Dear & read Oleha rold to your the honest basic instincts for brought to your pice for needed regulations please do mot weaken need il the diverse sources news possible, not fewer strong, needed requ poster the interests of us common citizens, and not always to pander to the you are able to ferouade them. tack is a very difficult one. This pla instead of Hofefully , RECEIVED & INSPECTED Thene JUN 03.2003 Jerner MAY 2 7 2003 Distribution Center FCC-MAILROOM

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Mr. L. Ronald Roff

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Michael K. Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington D.C. 20554

RE: Media Ownership Regulations

Mr. Powell:

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This is to register my opposition to the proposed action of modifying the above-mentioned regulations.

You and your colleagues are entrusted with a public entity, a public trust that is being brazenly and blatantly disregarded. The public trust is being disregarded so that rich and powerful media conglomerates may amass more power and profit. The media markets that these few media conglomerates will monopolize will have one voice, their voice.

There will be numerous TV channels, several radio stations and newspapers in each media market all towing the same line and hawking the same message.

The sad thing is that the very principles of democracy are being dismantled. The effect of shutting out diverse voices and debate on important issues stifles the very foundations upon which this country was founded on.

Do the right thing, place the american public above power and profit.

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Commissioner Abernathy,

There are proposed changes in broadcast ownerships that would seem to concentrate things into single voices...sort of like doing away with a big part of the First Amendment and placing things in the hands of those who have a personal agenda.

It would seem that if it isn't broke then don't fix it... haven't the old rules allowed mixe voices which help to ensure that political ideas and debate remain on a healthy basis.

Please give this your best and remember it's what will be for all Americans .

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I have noticed an alarming trend in recent years towards media consolidation, ala Disney/ABC and Viacom/CBS. When mergers such as these happen, I'm always amazed that the FCC allowed them to happen.

Since our world is becoming so small, and we're so influenced by what we see and read, the consolidation of media power is very disturbing. We're increasing the potential for abuse of power; if the media giants don't agree with a particular viewpoint, they don't allow it to go public. The reverse is also true. And don't ever make the assumption that these are nice people who would never do anything like that. As evidenced by current news articles, the executive ranks of major American corporations are sorely lacking in character.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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Honorable Kevin J. Martin Commissioner Federal Communications System 445 - 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Please protect the broadcast industry from becoming a monopoly.

Yours very truly

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Dear Commissioner Martin:

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I am writing to urge you to postpone the June 2nd vote in order to allow for more open discussion and public forums on the issue of further deregulation of the media.

What happened after the relaxation of media regulations in 1996 is a warning – like the canary in the coalmine - of what can take place with further weakening of the rules that help preserve competition and diversity. After 1996, Clear Channel Communications was able to buy over 1200 radio stations, as well as owning many other forms of media. Free speech on the airwaves has now been compromised and has led to litigation in the courts. As the Future of Music Coalition's study found, radio now serves to advertise the products of vertically integrated conglomerates rather than to entertain us with the best and most original programming. If the FCC votes to further relax the regulations, we will see the biggest wave of media consolidation in history. The FCC will give a handful of large corporations greater influence over what is – and what isn't-reported in the news.

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May 8, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Dear Chairman Powell:

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The various news media organs already dominate much of America. Changing the Broadcast Ownership Rules in the manner being sought now by various large media interests would allow, indeed-would inevitably result in, monopoly power over radio and television news broadcasting.

The major networks and one or two of the cable news networks already have demonstrated their willingness, if not their eagerness, to squelch viewpoints differing from their own. Allowing further concentration of management power over news broadcasts (as well as opinion and advocacy disguised as "news") would directly threaten constitutional rights of speech, press, association, petition, and others.

l oppose the media-support rules changes.

Yours truly,

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The Honorable(s): CC:

> Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner Michael J. Copps, Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner

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I urge you <u>not</u> to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

The proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Major areas of concern:

- If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations.
- Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which viewpoints to censor.
- The big media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers.
- Many of the corporations that are fighting for these rule changes including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC – are precisely the same companies that have tried in the past to keep other viewpoints off the air.

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